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In re Application of:

ERIC J. BECKMAN et al.

Serial No.: 10/759,904

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments set forth herein. The amendments find full support in the claims, specification and drawings as filed. Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this Amendment. Remarks begin upon page 22 of this Amendment.

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

On September 28, 2006, the undersigned attorney for applicant, Henry E. Bartony, Jr., participated in a telephone interview with Examiner James W. Rogers to discuss the finality of the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006.

Mr. Bartony indicated to the Examiner that the finality of the Office Action was premature as the office action was an initial office action on the merits. The Examiner acknowledged that an error had been made in indicating that the finality of the Office Action. The Examiner instructed Mr. Bartony to treat the Office Action as a Non-final Office Action. No prior art was discussed during the interview. Also, no exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted. No specific claims were discussed.

Attached hereto for the records is a copy of the Interview Summary by the Examiner mailed October 11, 2006.